

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 5           1.    A method of program transfer comprising:
- a)   recognizing a plurality of pre-recorded programs  
selected for transfer by a user;
- b)   recognizing an associated transfer period programmed  
by said user for each of said plurality of pre-recorded  
10   programs selected for transfer; and
- c)   transferring each of said plurality of pre-recorded  
programs selected for transfer during said associated  
transfer period to a remote electronic device.
- 15           2.    The method of program transfer as described in  
Claim 1, further comprising:
- d)   for each of said plurality of pre-recorded programs  
selected for transfer, storing said associated transfer  
period as an associated record in a list of transfer records.
- 20           3.    The method of program transfer as described in  
Claim 1, wherein c) comprises:
- automatically transferring each of said plurality of  
pre-recorded programs selected for transfer during said  
25   associated transfer period.

4. The method of program transfer as described in Claim 1, further comprising:

i) after a), for each of said plurality of pre-recorded programs selected for transfer, prompting said user to program said associated transfer period.

5. The method of program transfer as described in Claim 1, wherein said associated transfer period comprises for each of said plurality of pre-recorded programs selected for transfer:

an associated date selection;  
an associated record start time; and  
an associated record stop time.

6. The method of program transfer as described in Claim 1, further comprising:

for each of said plurality of pre-recorded programs selected for transfer, at the start of said associated transfer period, communicating with said remote device to power on said remote device and to begin recording.

7. The method of program transfer as described in Claim 1, further comprising:

for each of said plurality of pre-recorded programs selected for transfer, at the end of said associated transfer period, communicating with said remote device to stop recording.

8. The method of program transfer as described in Claim 1, wherein a first electronic device that is a digital video recorder performs a), b), and c).

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9. The method of program transfer as described in Claim 1, wherein said remote electronic device is a video cassette recorder.

10. The method of program transfer as described in Claim 1, further comprising:

- d) recognizing a conflict in transfer periods between conflicting records in said list of transfer records; and
- e) prompting said user to resolve said conflict.

11. The method of program transfer as described in Claim 10, further comprises:

recognizing an edit of a transfer period of one of said conflicting records, said edit including deletion of said one of said conflicting records.

12. A method of program transfer comprising:

a) recognizing a first selection of a first pre-recorded video program from a plurality of pre-recorded programs for transfer to a remote electronic device;

b) recognizing a first transfer period associated with said first selection;

c) recognizing a second selection of a second pre-recorded video program from said plurality of pre-recorded programs for transfer to said remote electronic device;

5 d) recognizing a second transfer period associated with said second selection;

e) automatically transferring said first pre-recorded video program to said remote electronic device during said first transfer period; and

10 f) automatically transferring said second pre-recorded video program to said remote electronic device during said second transfer period.

15 13. The method of program transfer as described in Claim 12, further comprising:

storing said first selection and said first transfer period as a first record in a list of transfer records; and

storing said second selection and said second transfer period as a second record in a list of transfer records.

20 14. The method of program transfer as described in Claim 12, wherein a user selects said first selection, said first transfer period, said second selection and said second transfer period.

25 15. The method of program transfer as described in Claim 12, further comprising:

at the start of said first transfer period,  
communicating with said remote device to power on said remote  
device and to begin recording;

at the end of said first transfer period, communicating  
5 with said remote device to stop recording;

at the start of said second transfer period,  
communicating with said remote device to power on said remote  
device and to begin recording: and

at the end of said second transfer period, communicating  
10 with said remote device to stop recording.

16. The method of program transfer as described in  
Claim 12, further comprising:

determining if a conflict exists between said first  
15 transfer period and said second transfer period;

if said conflict exists, prompting a user to resolve  
said conflict; and

recognizing an edit, to include deletion, of one of said  
first or second transfer period.

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17. The method of program transfer as described in  
Claim 12, wherein said program is a television program.

18. A computer system comprising:  
25 a processor; and

a computer readable memory coupled to said processor and containing program instructions that, when executed, implement a method of program transfer, comprising:

- a) recognizing a plurality of pre-recorded programs  
5 selected for transfer by a user;
- b) recognizing an associated transfer period programmed by said user for each of said plurality of pre-recorded programs selected for transfer; and
- c) transferring each of said plurality of pre-recorded  
10 programs selected for transfer during said associated transfer period to a remote electronic device.

19. The computer system as described in Claim 18, wherein said method of program transfer further comprises:

- d) for each of said plurality of pre-recorded programs  
15 selected for transfer, storing said associated transfer period as an associated record in a list of transfer records.

20. The computer system as described in Claim 18,  
20 wherein c) in said method of program transfer further comprises:

automatically transferring each of said plurality of pre-recorded programs selected for transfer during said associated transfer period.

21. The computer system as described in Claim 18, wherein said method of program transfer further comprises:

i) after a), for each of said plurality of pre-recorded programs selected for transfer, prompting said user to program said associated transfer period.

5        22. The computer system as described in Claim 18, wherein said associated transfer period comprises for each of said plurality of pre-recorded programs selected for transfer:

an associated date selection;  
10        an associated record start time; and  
an associated record stop time.

23. The computer system as described in Claim 18, wherein said method of program transfer further comprises:

15        for each of said plurality of pre-recorded programs selected for transfer, at the start of said associated transfer period, communicating with said remote device to power on said remote device and to begin recording.

20        24. The computer system as described in Claim 18, wherein said method of program transfer further comprises:

for each of said plurality of pre-recorded programs selected for transfer, at the end of said associated transfer period, communicating with said remote device to stop  
25        recording.

25. The computer system as described in Claim 1,  
wherein a first electronic device that is a digital video  
recorder performs a), b), and c).

5 26. The computer system as described in Claim 1,  
wherein said remote electronic device is a video cassette  
recorder.

10 27. The computer system as described in Claim 18,  
wherein said method of program transfer further comprises:

d) recognizing a conflict in transfer periods between  
conflicting records in said list of transfer records; and

e) prompting said user to resolve said conflict.

15 28. The computer system as described in Claim 27,  
wherein said method of program transfer further comprises:

recognizing an edit of a transfer period of one of said  
conflicting records, said edit including deletion of said one  
of said conflicting records.

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